Romantic Episodes in history of Edmonton.

1. The founding of the City.
not so romantic as Rome -
1794-95. no Aeneas - no pigs at mouth of Tiber -
Both Angus Shaw & Geo. Sutherland men of real stuff - And young Pruden.
— born in Edmonton near London —

Edmonton - Place above City right to East.
like London, York, Edinburgh.
Toronto, Quebec -

Old N.B. men knew a city owned
your here - Reserved 3000 acres
at time of transfer - 1870.

Note two sites: (a) Mouth of Sturgeon
(b) Present site.

1800 - Fort Fish burned by Great Swan -
Blood Indians —

1808 } 1810 } - New posts built
N.W.Co (a) New Fort Augustus - James Hughes.
H.B.Co. (b) Ft Edmonton - John Rowand
City post - unknown

1810 - Edmonton abandoned -

Also Vermilion - new post at - mouth of White Earth River - Due to hostility of Crees & Blackfeet

White Earth Mountain Ho

Summa of 1810 - True picture of life at a fort -

Joint effort of two Companies -

1819 - Amalgamation in the air.

Edmonton re-established - and became greatest Centre in the - whole Saskatchewan Country -

1873
1875 - John Rowand - Chief Factor -

Rowand + Oliver - two greatest citizens Edmonton ever had

1825 - 1870 - Great Days of the Fur trade under Sir Geo. Simpson -

Rowand's Folly - Greatest establishment west - of York Factory -

Ross's picture of life at the Fort

1841 - Sir Simpson - visits Edmonton - Blackfeet chiefs -

1848 - Paul Kane —

1858-59 - Palliser + Hector (Dawson in 1907)

1862-63 - Lord Milton + Dr Cheadle
1864 → Blackfeet attack

1865 - James Gibbons - down the Sask. from Mountain Ho -

- Sam Livingstone
- Tom Riley
- Geo Dietrich
- John Healy
- Joe Kipp
- Charlie Thomas -

Only men I know that preceded these were Kenneth Macdonald, + Tom Clouet -

Malcom Groat - only man of H.B. Post that would talk to them - H.B. would not take their Gold Dust

1871 - Modern Edmonton begins -
Rev Geo McDougall - builds first house outside Fort — on present site —

1872 - Sandford Fleming etc ——

1874 - Police arrive under James + Steele - - -

1881 - Bulletin Established - influence of
No press - Edmonton claims queen as
eloquent voice and wide range of
publicity. —
— note his true sense of news -

1882 - Claim jumping - see card -
Land Board not popular -

1885 - The Rebellion - loop of panic.
Indians ch Riverside Barrack
Stony Plain -
Whitefish & Saddle Lake
Bob Tail
Ermine Skin's
Samson's
Iron Bull -
Half breeds ch
St Albert & Selvans
& Laboucans.

1891 - Row between Edmonton & Clover Bar
"Present village of Edmonton is east row,
nor never can be the centre of the Edmonton
district.

1892 - The fight over the land office.
Hall McCauley & Supt Griesbach -

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NORTH BAY, ONT.
December 17th 1936.

John Blue, Esq.,
Manager-Secretary,
Edmonton Chamber of Commerce,
EDMONTON, Alta.

DEC 21

Dear Mr. Blue ,-

I shall not soon forget your kindness in writing to me a good, kind word, upon my transfer to a little better position in Eastern Canada, and I shall certainly miss my many friends in Alberta - and particularly the annual affair at Red Deer. And, by the way, if you think of it, drop me a line before the next event at Red Deer, and I will send them a telegram.

I am sure that you were all lonesome to see Mr. Munro leave Edmonton, but it is the fortune of railroaders to move around, and if they do not move, they become stale-mates. You will find my dear friend, Walter Owens, pure gold, and a top-notcher in every respect.

I extend to you, personally, and to your Chamber, the sincere thanks and warm, good wishes, of one who was always proud to be included among your fellow-citizens.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

J. P. Johnson

P.S. John - Please send me a box - a small box of "Social Credit principles"

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St. Albert April 16 /29 EDMONTON, ALTA.

Dear Mr Blue;-

Re- the grain grown at Chipewyan I am pleased to be able to give you the name of the Oblate Missionary who was in chargge . Among the invalid pioneer Missionaries who are now in retreat at St.Albert there are two who passed through and one lived at Chipewyan or Athabaska as we called it.
The Father in charge from 1870 until after 1880 was Fr.Eynard a great scientist who unfortunately was drowned as so many of our Missionarires in the north.
Father Eynard was a scientist, a pupil of the Polytechnic school of France. To appreciate what this means ,may I say that there is only one Polytechnic school in France, a State school, admission to which is by competition between all the University students of France, that is ,students having obtained their degrees from the University of Fr nce and want to specialize in any advanced studies are allowed to compete for admission into the Polytechnic school as the accomodation is limited.
Fr.Eynard specialized in mathematics and natural scinnces and afterwards gave up evrything to come and serve the Indians of the Canadian Northwest by joining the Oblate Order.
Even in the West he kept experimenting and studying.
He tried grain, in very limited quantity because there is very little good soil around the Mission.
Kindly find out more particulars about his success at Philadelphia and let me hace them in writing so that wemay embody this in any history that may be writtnn.
Our Missionaries unfortunately did not write much if any. They were absorbed by the their labors. They worked for the Master above and did not think of posterity not history.

Have you seen Mr Reilly about a meeting.
As you said the only thing to do now is to find about 10 men, good and enthusiasts who would be willing to call on 10 or 15 prospective contributors.
Secondly the Committee should make up a list of about 50 or 60 names of public spirited Citizens who would likely give at least 10 doddars.
We would likely collect $ 1000.00 in a short time.
At present Calgary has given almost twice more than Edmonton.
How I would like to have something written on parteplayed by these Missionaries in the upbuilding of the West !
Did you find out from the University what was the report of the H.Bay.Co. re the possibilities of growing grain in the west?
Did I tell you that among the invalid Missionaries at St.Albert we have one ,85 years old who came to Fort Providence 59 years ago,is blind snow blind for 12 years, and who probably was the first to cross the

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Rocky Mountains from Fort Good Hope to Fort Yukon in 1872- 1874, crossing them on foot with a pack on his back and his gun accompanied by Bishop Clut and two Indian guides.

Bishop Clut came back across the Mountains while this Priest went down the Yukon by boat and returned via San Francisco.

What an interesting magazine article that would make?

Hoping to see our work of collecting soon finished,

I am Dear Mr Blue,

Yours sincerely ,

A. Jan
O. M. I.

P.S. Mr. McLeod promised me $ 100.00 but I would like him to give it only when we start the " drive" if we have one.

Would a monster tag day be better than a " drive ?

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Part 2

Hector's Trip:
Winter of 1857-58 - To Edmonton

Parties away to flats for winter.

Hector in charge of expedition in the interval.

Indian hunters supplied the Fort with meat. (buffalo). Price of a buffalo was 3 gills of rum.

Besides buffalo carcasses they brought in dried meat, grease, cords -

I Hector observes the wolves that prowl around the fort. He calls it the "Cave wolf", twice the size of the fox, differing from the black wolf that lived in the strong woods.

The cave wolf often went mad in the spring and would bite anyone it came across. Hydrophobia resulted from the bite. The Indian cure was to sew the patient in an old buffalo skin

Bite of "Cave" Wolf

SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK MARKETINGS

[illegible] ended April 2, 1936.

C A T T L E

STOCK YARDS	CALVES				HOGS			
	Week Ended April 2	Same Week 1934	Jan.1 To date 1935	Same Period 1934	Week Ended April 2	Same Week 1934	Jan.1 To date 1935	Same Period 1934
TORONTO	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MONTREAL(W)	307	497	[illegible]	[illegible]	307	1995	12412	10[illegible]8
MONTREAL(E)	[illegible]	163	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	110	[illegible]	[illegible]8
WINNIPEG	3[illegible]8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]1
CALGARY	1[illegible]2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]3
EDMONTON	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]8
TOTAL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]5

C A L V E S

TORONTO	3410	2405	23666	18753	2	2	287	101
MONTREAL(W)	1504	2[illegible]4	12[illegible]4	13[illegible]0	2	4	47	38
MONTREAL(E)	2326	1[illegible]0	12[illegible]9	10[illegible]9	--	--	1[illegible]	9
WINNIPEG	514	479	[illegible]82	[illegible]8	--	--	35[illegible]	--
CALGARY	130	162	[illegible]3	[illegible]9	--	--	--	---
EDMONTON	149	[illegible]7	[illegible]09	[illegible]9	--	6	--	41
TOTAL	[illegible]44	[illegible]7	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]0	189

H O G S

TORONTO	7766	9768	118577	137309	697	693	9230	6804
MONTREAL(W)	2[illegible]3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	--	--	535	--
MONTREAL(E)	1[illegible]7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	112	239	[illegible]1	1210
WINNIPEG	[illegible]3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	382	[illegible]5	[illegible]	16339
CALGARY	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	92	84	[illegible]5	1759
EDMONTON	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	--	--	--	730
TOTAL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25842

S H E E P

TORONTO	569	596	15263	23446	--	--	1120	8
MONTREAL(W)	101	46	[illegible]8	4796	--	--	--	473
MONTREAL(E)	105	85	[illegible]5	2341	--	--	--	--
WINNIPEG	353	[illegible]98	[illegible]59	[illegible]25	622	--	2153	1098
CALGARY	140	[illegible]6	[illegible]40	[illegible]09	--	--	[illegible]11	3176
EDMONTON	18	[illegible]5	[illegible]23	[illegible]55	--	--	--	230
TOTAL....	[illegible]86	[illegible]5	[illegible]18	[illegible]72	622	--	[illegible]84	4985

LIF:

and held him over a fire until all his hair was singed off. Then he was supposed to be cured. Of course Hector thought the operation would cause a "violent diaphoresis" that might have a good effect.

Diaphoresis

Saw a duck's nest built in a tree 12 ft above the ground - an old crow's nest.

(Smoked birds very numerous. Made "good eating" says Hector.)

Oct 21-27 - Spent exploring Thickwood Hills N. W. of Carlton - Ascended a beautiful conical Knoll 150 high - Marmion's Rest - called after the Indians - Same Gobbleguard stones in the County as in the Ebbow & S. Fork

Oct 27 - Returned to Carlton. Meanwhile Blackiston had arrived via York Factory.

September, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

Re Tolls contained in commodity tariffs filed by you as the result of the coming into force of the Crow's Nest Pass Act of 1897.

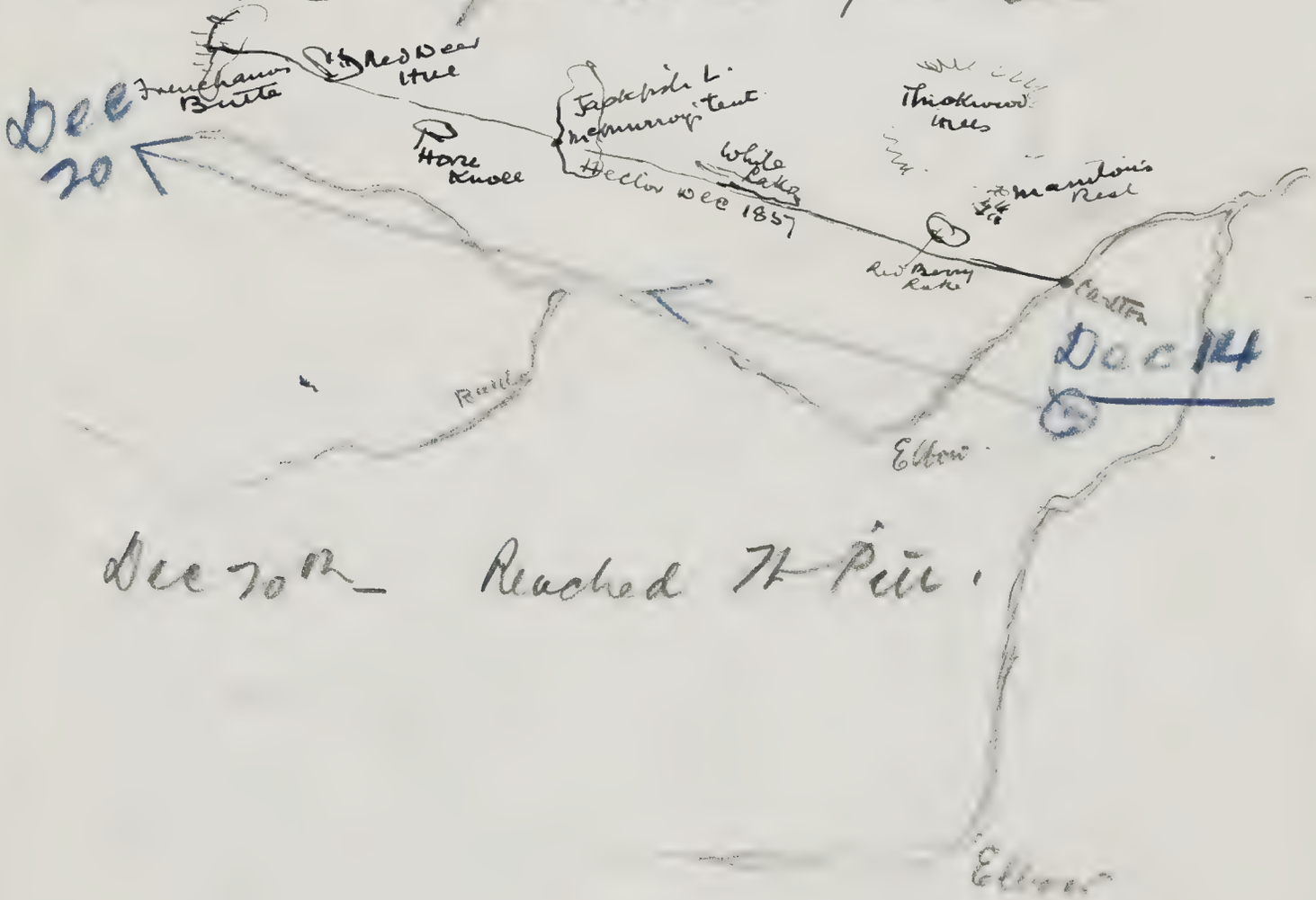
We have been advised by Counsel that the above mentioned tolls are contrary to the provisions of the Canadian Railway Act as being discriminatory and that the same are therefore illegally imposed. We, of course, have to pay these tolls in order to ship our goods and to receive goods shipped to us, but in case of all payments made by us to you as a result of the putting of these tolls into force, we beg to notify you that all such payments that have been made and all made hereafter are made under protest. As you are doubtless aware we, along with others interested, are taking action to have the matter brought to the attention of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.

Yours truly,

Oct 27th – Dec 13th – Hector Expedition Surveyed around Carlton –

He had instructions to go to Edmonton & Lac la Biche to get men who know the (Peace) country.

Dec 14th – Left Carlton for Pitt.



Dec 20th – Reached Ft Pitt.

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REFER TO FILE NO.

1897 — 26

Dec 24th — Left Ft Pitt for Edmonton made 33 miles. Camped at mouth of Vermilion R. (Paint R.).

Dec 25th — Continued west. Went over hills about 300 ft high for several miles.

Dec 26th — Came to Buffalo Pound 30 yds in diameter. Indians Killing Buffalo. Buffalo always jump up thick. (Est details of the Pound)

Dec 27th — Camped near Beaver Hills Cr. at Police Boss.

Dec 28th — Camped at camp of Pine near N. Fork. - 20 miles from Edmonton

Dec 30th — Rose & Camp 3 am. - Travelled along South Bank - at daylight reached bank opposite the Fort. Welcomed by Mr. Swanston C.T. in charge.

[Carlton to Edmonton — 393 miles in 33 days]

Exploration of Edmonton Harbour - Ft below upper Cultivation - 30 acres open farm & Stock. Log and mud Bottle & Walls of split spruce logs for Sounding floor -

B

Edmonton in 1857-58

Big as H Harry — 150 souls —
Built 10 or 12 boats a few months
Timber of the Pine woods — (abies Alba)

Food: Buffalo meat, flour, potatoes —

Greenish magnesian pipe clay used by the women for working blankets.
Found on banks opposite Fort.

Flat below fort (30 acres) under cultivation. Big windmill behind the Fort. Slabs of split granite used for grinding flour.

Swanston undertook to keep meteorological register

Moved from H Harry

Pt 4

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Hector (1858) - (Jan 27 - March 15)

Spent four days at the Fort.

— See his census of the people. —

109 persons. Daily meat rations totalled 576 lbs of fresh meat

Edmonton

Salmon's House.	Men	Women	Children
Shirts			
Raymond's			
Cameron's			
Cunningham			
Finlay's			
Ladiroute's ✓			
Durnais			
Soviard's			
Salois			
Cartouche's			
Hudson's			
(14) Norwegians 1st	27	19	48
Norwegians 2nd			
at or near plains	15	+	—

Goitre

Mr.

Goitre prevalent but no cretinism. Children born at Ft Edmonton never afflicted until they move to another fort. It disappears when they return to their native fort.

N.B. [Natives 406 lbs. fresh meat per day for the families of the Fort

Trips to St Lac ste Anne

Feb 12th — Left for St anne with John Sinclair. Travelled by horseleigh. Cold — 54 below. Same at Caillin Mid night.

Grew barley, potatoes & turnips. Lacombe here.

Small place for whitefish. (4 lbs)

(Coregonus Alba) x 40 000 in 3 days taken.

Feb 15th — Back at Edmonton x

Feb 25th — Weather very warm. Sitting in the house with the door open x

March 7th — Made trips to Hay lakes.

Peter Erasmus along. to engage men for the summer Expedition from a band of "freemen" on their way to St Anne. Chief of the gang, of 200 was Ged Gabriel Dumont. who had crossed the Rocky Mountains then. Supposed Gabriel. Could speak French but prefered the Cree.

1858 Edmonton to Carlton.

March 15th — Left Edmonton going down the Sask.
Camped for night at mouth of Sturgeon
Does not mention St Augustus.

March 16th — Continued journey — Met Rev Henry Steinhauer on his way to Edmonton to meet Rev. Mrs Woolsey.

March 18th — Passed Snake Hills, Shaul to Lac la Biche.

March 21st — At dog meal reached mouth of Vermilion R. Reached St Pitt that night.

March 30th — left St Pitt for Carlton

Ap. 5th — Reached Carlton. Where he found Blakeston & Bourgeau

May 25th — Returned to St Pitt to send men coming down from Edmonton to the plains as food was scarce at Carlton.

March 28th — Reached Pitt.

Stopped the river from Rocky with Ho.
to Carlton - Returned to Carlton with the
H.B. Brigade from Edmonton, Swanston
in charge - also McMurray who had the
post at Jackfish Lake that winter.
- 30 boats in the brigade. —

waited for Packer to return
from Slaves.